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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ADOPTED  
BY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMMISSION NOVEMBER 12 (SEE  
REFTEL). FINAL ADOPTION IN PLENARY WILL OCCUR NOVEMBER 14 OR 15.  
BEGIN TEXT: THE XXIIND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS,  
RECALLING THAT THE RIGHT PARTIES TO CONFLICT TO ADOPT  
MEANS OF INJURING THE ENEMY IS NOT UNLIMITED.  
RECALLING, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW  
WHICH PROHIBIT THE USE OF ARMS, PROJECTILES OR MATERIAL LIKELY  
TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING AND THOSE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW  
WHICH REQUIRE THE PROTECT OF CIVILIANS,  
CONFIRMING THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCES OF THE RED CROSS IN RESOLUTION XXVIII (1965) REGARDING  
THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS AGAINST THE DANGERS OF INDIS-  
CRIMINATE WARFARE, AND RESOLUTION XIV (1969) REGARDING WEAPONS OF  
MASS DESTRUCTION, BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
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IN ARMED CONFLICTS AND BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN

RESOLUTION 2932 (XXVII-1972) REGARDING NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS,  
ENDORSED, IN PARTICULAR, THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN 1972 BY  
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESOLUTION 2932 (XXVII)  
THAT THE WIDESPREAD USE OF MANY WEAPONS AND THE EMERGENCE OF NEW  
METHODS OF WARFARE THAT CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR ARE INDIS-  
CRIMINATE CALL URGENTLY FOR RENEWED EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENTS TO  
SEEK, THROUGH LEGAL MEANS, THE PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE

OF SUCH WEAPONS AND OF INDISCRIMINATE AND CRUEL METHODS OF WARFARE  
AND, IF POSSIBLE, THROUGH MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT, THE ELIMINATION  
OF SPECIFIC, ESPECIALLY CRUEL OR INDISCRIMINATE WEAPONS,  
NOTING THAT CONSISTENT WITH ITS WORK FOR THE REAFFIRMATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT OF HUMANITARIAN LAW THE ICRC HAS CONTINUED TO  
DEVOTE ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF WEAPONS WHICH MAY CAUSE UNNECES-  
SARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS,  
WELCOME THE PROPOSAL WHICH THE ICRC IS SUBMITTING TO THE  
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE TO ARMED CONFLICTS FOR  
RULES CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF USE OF WEAPONS WHICH ARE  
LIKELY TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING AND METHODS AND MEANS OF  
COMBAT WHICH HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS,  
WELCOMES FURTHER THE FACTUAL REPORT ELABORATED BY AN  
INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EXPERTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ICRC  
ON WEAPONS THAT MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDIS-  
CRIMINATE EFFECTS, COVERING, INTER ALIA, HIGH VELOCITY PROJECTILES,  
BLAT AND FRAGMENTATION WEAPONS, TIME-DELAY WEAPONS AND NAPALM  
AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS,  
ENDORSES THE CONCLUSION OF THE REPORT BUT INTERGOVERN-  
MENTAL REVIEW AND ACTION IS CALLED FOR REGARDING SPECIFIC TYPES  
OF WEAPONS TREATED IN THE REPORT,  
URGES THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO  
ITS WORK ON THE TWO DRAFT PROTOCOLS SUBMITTED BY THE ICRC - TO  
BEGIN CONSIDERATION AT ITS 1974 SESSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE  
PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH  
MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS.  
INVITES THE ICRC TO CALL IN 1974 A CONFERENCE OF GOVERN-  
MENT EXPERTS TO STUDY IN DEPTH THE QUESTION OF PROHIBITION OR  
RESTRICTION OF USE OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY CAUSE UNNECES-  
SARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS AND TO TRANSMIT A  
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REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE TO ALL GOVERNMENTS PARTICI-  
PATING IN THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THEM  
IN THEIR FURTHER DELIBERATIONS. END TEXT.  
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